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1. MORNING JULY 1 EMBOFF FOUND HUONG CAMP IN SOME DISARRAY. ALTHOUGH VO LONG TRIEU SAID THAT THE THIEU-KY SLATE CAME AS NO SURPRISE, HE WAS ENGAGED IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE EMERGENCY MEETING WITH NUMBER OF HUONG SUPPORTERS. TELEPHONE RANG STEADILY, AND HE WAS UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER HE WAS GOING TO SEE HUONG IN VUNG TAU THAT AFTERNOON, JULY 2 OR JULY 3. TRIEU ALSO SAID THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE HUONG TICKET IS UNDECIDED AND HE COULD MAKE NO RPT NO COMMENT ABOUT RECENT EVENTS UNTIL AFTER THE SITUATION IS CLARIFIED.

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2. WHEN EMBOFF ASKED TRIEU TO SET UP APPOINTMENT WITH HUONG AS HE HAS DONE IN PAST, TRIEU SAID THAT HE HAD ADVISED HUONG TO SEE NO ONE UNTIL HE HIMSELF HAD A CHANCE TO GET TO VUNG TAU. HE PROMISED TO CONVEY EMBOFF'S REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH HUONG BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO SAY HOW SOON THIS MIGHT BE.

3. COMMENTING ON AU TRUONG THANH'S PRESIDENTIAL BID, TRIEU SAID WITH SOME HEAT THAT THANH HAD SAID HE SUPPORTED HUONG BUT HAD NEVER MATCHED THE STATEMENT WITH ANY DEEDS. THANH'S DECISION TO RUN AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE THEREFORE CAME AS NO PARTICULAR SHOCK OR LOSS.

4. TRIEU SAID THAT THE QUESTION OF BIG MINH'S CANDIDACY IS UP TO THE ASSEMBLY, THOUGH HE HAD BEEN [illegible]ER TO MEET WITH

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EMBOFF, HE SEEMED UNWILLING TO COMMENT FURTHER ON THE SITUATION

5. A SEPARATE BREAKFAST CONVERSATION JULY 1 BETWEEN HA THUC KY SUPPORTER NGUYEN VAN NGAI AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR SUGGESTED SIMILAR UNCERTAINTY IN KY'S CAMP, ALTHOUGH HE PROFESSED NO GREAT SURPRISE. NGAI OPTIMISTICALLY PREDICTED THAT THE MILITARY WOULD RAPIDLY START FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES AGAIN AND

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THAT WHATEVER UNITY HAD BEEN ACHIEVED WOULD DISAPPEAR. NGAI APPARENTLY PLACED IMPORTANCE IN THIS CONNECTION ON WHAT MIGHT DEVELOP WITH RESPECT TO BIG MINH AND SAID THE ASSEMBLY WOULD DISCUSS HIS CASE TODAY.

6. NGAI ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT ON THE MILITARY SIDE MIGHT TEND TO COALEASCE THE PRINCIPAL CIVILIAN CANDIDATES SINCE THEY WOULD NOW BE FACED WITH A MORE FORMIDABLE OPPONENT. HE SAID THERE HAD ALREADY BEEN TALKS BETWEEN HA THUC KY AND BOTH THE HUONG-TRUYEN AND SUU-DAN SLATES, APPARENTLY IN TERMS OF KY AGREEING TO BECOME PRIME MINISTER WITH ONE OR THE OTHER. NGAI SAID THAT IN BOTH INSTANCES A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING POINTS REMAINED UNRESOLVED.
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